



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 529

LCO No. 2648

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to repeal mandatory
- 2 minimum sentences, mandate treatment rather than incarceration for
- 3 substance abuse, eliminate the disparity in sentencing for possession of
- 4 crack cocaine and powder cocaine and provide incentives for the
- 5 hiring of individuals who have been convicted of felony offenses.

Statement of Purpose:

To alleviate prison overcrowding, restore discretion in sentencing to judges, foster fairness and equity in the criminal justice system and address the incidence of recidivism.